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Congressman tours flood damage in central Kentucky

U.S. Representative Ben Chandler visited the hard-hit Paint Lick community in Garrard County Tuesday morning.

More than a week after severe flooding hit much of Kentucky, people are still sorting through the damage.

Many are hoping the federal government will help out.

Tuesday morning, a Kentucky congressman saw the devastation firsthand.

U.S. Representative Ben Chandler toured some of the damage in the Paint Lick community of Garrard County.

Everything from the post office, to the bank, to the only doctor's office in town was under at least a couple of feet of water during the flood.

People who live in and around Paint Lick say this is the worst flood anyone can remember.

One woman who lives there said it's at least the worst flood since 1913.

Chandler says he and others are in the process of getting federal agencies involved in flood relief efforts.

He says he wants President Obama to declare a state of emergency for the hard hit area.

The Garrard County Judge-Executive says county officials are expecting federal aid to arrive there soon.

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